

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

Response to Double Patenting Rejection

At pages 7-9 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 9, 11-16 and 25-31 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,849,432.

To expedite prosecution in the present application, and not to acquiesce to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have submitted herewith a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer along with a signed Power of Attorney authorizing Applicant's undersigned representative to act on behalf of the Assignee. Accordingly, this rejection has been obviated.

Applicants note that the Terminal Disclaimer fee was previously paid on March 25, 2009. Therefore, no additional Terminal Disclaimer fee is being submitted herewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

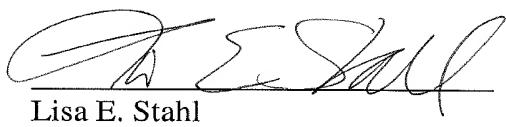
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Reply or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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